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## **HOT ISSUES:**

### **Residential Notifications of Water Sampling Results from Wolverine Site Expected Next Week**

Key Message: EPA is coordinating closely with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Kent County Health Department in preparation of resident notifications.

EPA sampled residential wells for PFAS on Dec. 27 and 28, 2017. Preliminary results were shared orally earlier this month. Residents will receive their final results via letter next week.

### **Lawsuit Filed Against EPA and Army Corps of Engineers Regarding Back Forty Mine**

Key Message: On January 22, 2018, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin filed suit against EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding CWA Section 404 permitting authority for the Back Forty Mine project.

The Tribe seeks an injunction ordering EPA and the Corps to exercise jurisdiction over the permitting process, rather than Michigan. Michigan is one of only two states that have assumed the CWA 404 permitting program; the Corps is the permitting authority for the rest of the country.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/MAJOR DECISIONS:**

### **Regional Administrator Stepp to Keynote the Michigan Chemistry Council's Policy Day Event**

Key Message: The Feb. 7 event will be attended by industry representatives from Dow Chemical, BASF, Amway, Wacker Chemical, Marathon, and others.

RA Stepp will discuss EPA's priorities and hear directly from the industry regarding their own policy priorities moving forward. This event will be closed press.

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